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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - FRENCH ARTICLE XIX ACTION

1. DU CHAFFAUT, OF FRENCH EMBASSY, CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRACLOUGH JUNE 29 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLAIN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED FRENCH GATT ARTICLE XIX RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF MEN'S SHIRTS, BLOUSES, TEE SHIRTS AND COTTON THREAD. THE RESTRAINTS ARE TO RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977; THE NATURE OF RESTRAINTS AFTER THAT DATE DEPENDS ON THE SUCCESS OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN THIS YEAR  
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UNDER THE MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT (MFA).

2. DU CHAFFAUT CONTINUED THAT, WHILE FRANCE WAS NOT LEGALLY ABLE TO EXCEPT ANY COUNTRY FROM THE RESTRAINTS, THEY WERE PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, GREECE AND TURKEY. IT WAS NOT THE FRENCH INTENTION TO ACTUALLY APPLY THEM TO THE U.S., CANADA AND JAPAN AND IMPORTS FROM THESE

COUNTRIES WOULD BE LICENSED ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY; IF PROBLEMS DEVELOPED, CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

3. BARRACLOUGH RESPONDED THAT WHILE FRANCE WAS SUGGESTING A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE IMPOSITION OF ARTICLE XIX RESTRAINTS, FOR THE U.S. THE PROBLEM COULD NOT BE SOLVED QUITE SO EASILY. AFTER CANADA

TOOK A SIMILAR ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX, U.S. HAD TOLD THEM THAT IF COMPENSATION WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, ACTION TO REDRESS THE BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS WOULD BE TAKEN.

WHILE WE DID NOT HAVE

ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SAY THAT THE CANADIAN AND FRENCH ACTIONS WERE ENTIRELY PARALLEL, THEY APPEARED TO BE. IN ADDITION, SUCH RESTRAINT ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX WOULD HAVE UNDESIREABLE IMPACT ON EFFORTS TO RENEW THE MFA. VANCE

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